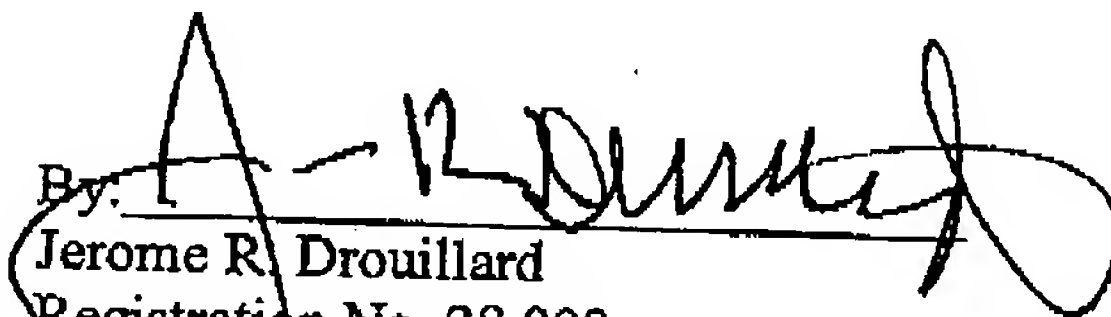


REMARKS

Claims 1 – 14 are in the application and have indicated as being allowable. Claims 15 – 18 has been objected to and have been cancelled. A minor typographical error noted by the Examiner in paragraph 22 has been corrected. As a result, each of the claims remaining in this case (i.e. Claims 1 – 14) is in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

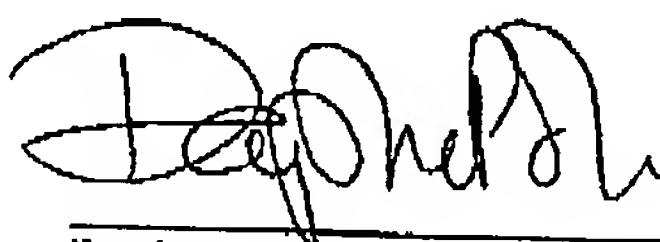
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